## Big Basin Redwoods State Park Cultural Resources

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- Big Basin Redwoods established as California's first state park (1902)
- Significant in the history and founding of California's state park system
- First successful conservation effort in California led by Andrew P. Hill and the Sempervirens Club
- Prehistoric archaeological sites documented throughout the park
- Portola expedition campsite near the mouth of Waddell Creek
- California Conservation Corps (CCC)-era park rustic and other historic features and landscapes

## Cultural Resource Goals

 Protect and preserve important and significant cultural resources, including Native California Indian sites and historic landscapes.



Commemorative plaque



Ohlone Winter Camp

 Identify, protect, and preserve the significant prehistoric archaeological sites.

- Nearly 400 recorded buildings, structures and features comprise a chronology of facility expansion and park growth
- Examples include:
  - Old Lodge (1908-1915)
  - Headquarters Bldg. (1935)
  - Campfire Center (1935)
  - Nature Lab & Store (1938)
- National Historic

   Landmark District
   proposed for original
   3,800 acres of park, as
   well as the Multiple
   Property National
   Register nomination for
   Big Basin SP
- Sky Meadow residences area, a distinct example of post-WWII development, is proposed for a National Register Historic District
- Established types, patterns, and traditions of recreation use for the rest of the state park system

 Identify, protect, preserve, and interpret the significant historic resources (buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts).



Historic lodge

- Nominate significant historic buildings and structures to the National Register of Historic Places.
- Include cultural resource preservation treatments as defined by the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties in park development strategies for historic buildings.



Historic campfire center